

ORDINANCE 2007-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-13, SEWER RATES FOR SERVICES AFFORDED BY THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE BILLING AND COLLECTION OF SUCH SEWER CHARGES; PRESCRIBING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND ORDERS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS THEREOF

WHEREAS, the City of Somerset, for the health and well-being of its citizens, provides a Sanitary Sewer System to collect, transport, process, dispose and control all domestic, industrial or commercial wastes;

WHEREAS, it is proper for this City Council of the City of Somerset to periodically establish and fix charges for sewer services to be afforded by such system; and

WHEREAS, the City is investigating the accessing of impact fees and service development fees in the future;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the rates and charges for sewer services to be provided by the City's Sanitary Sewer System shall be established and fixed as follows:

For all residences, schools, churches and manufactured homes situated on a single lot; for all boarding houses, rooming houses, apartment houses, mobile home parks, RV parks; hotels, motels and for all commercial, retail and wholesale business producing wastes with normal concentrations of BOD and SS as defined in Section 1, Paragraph 13 of the City's Industrial Waste Ordinance, the monthly charge shall be computed as follows:

For each residential connection to the City's Sewer System, there shall be a minimum monthly charge of \$17.00. In addition, a monthly charge of \$1.50 per 100cf for usage over 250cf of water use. The volume of water used during winter months shall be determined by annually summing the number of cubic feet metered for the immediately preceding months of December, January, and February and multiplying this sum by a factor of .334. Results of this computation will be considered as the average amount of water used during winter months and will be used as the basis for computing the charge per 100cf of water metered. In all cases, the quantity of average water used during winter months will be rounded forward to the nearest 100cf.

The rates and charges assessed for each commercial connection will be a minimum monthly charge of \$17.00. In addition, a monthly charge of \$1.65 per 100cf for usage over 250cf of water use.

SECTION 1(a): In cases where a water meter is either not in place, or not operational, or where water has not been used during all winter months as described herein, new customers will be charged \$28.40 per month until their winter averaging is established.

SECTION 2: The charge for a sewer service connection for the sewer main to the property line shall follow the Master Fee Schedule. Each building or residence will be classified as and must be a separate connection, and each subsequent connection to the sewer main shall be considered a new connection and shall be charged as the approved sewer connection charge.

SECTION 3: That the rates and charges hereby fixed and established for the City's Sanitary Sewer System shall be billed by and paid to the City's management company/or in accordance with the current City approved procedures for the collection rates and charges.

SECTION 4: That monthly charges for sewer services shall become due and payable as stated in the billing and a ten percent (10%) charge may be added to all past due and unpaid amounts according to the agreed upon billing procedures the City has in place and by the due date stated in the billing.

SECTION 5: That the failure of a customer or user to pay a monthly charge within thirty (30) day from the date the same becomes due and payable shall be grounds for the City and its management company to disconnect the service so supplied; and such service shall not be resumed until all past and current charges have been paid.

SECTION 6: That no free service shall be allowed by the City to any customer.

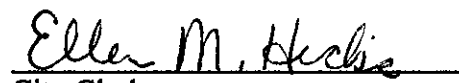
SECTION 7: That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and that the rates herein established shall be effective on the next regular billing cycle of the City's management company.

SECTION 8: That all ordinances, orders or resolutions, or parts thereof heretofore passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Somerset, Texas in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 23rd DAY OF JANURAY 2007.


Fred Gonzalez, Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk